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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/137,127

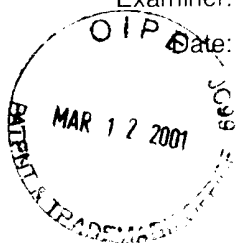
Examiner: Pratt, C.

Filed: August 20, 1998

Date: March 12, 2001

Title: COMPACTED BIOMATERIALS

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Official Action mailed February 3, 2000, please amend  
this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Twice amended) A composite material comprising a particulate inorganic filler material and a fibrous polymeric material wherein the fibrous polymeric material comprises molecularly oriented polymeric fibers of maximum dimension 1 mm and a recrystallized melt phase, the fibers and melt phase being of the same polymer and being derived from common molecularly oriented precursor polymeric fibers by selective melting, the recrystallized melt phase

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